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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA - PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S GENERAL DEBATE

ADDRESS, SEPT 28

1. IN UN PLENARY ADDRESS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER SIR MAORI KIKI TOOK UP FOLLOWING ISSUES:

(A) MIDDLE EAST - SIR MAORI COMMENDED UN WORK IN THE REGION.

(B) TIMOR - CITING "SOME MOST UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS" THIS
YEAR IN TIMOR, SIR MAORI EXPLAINED THAT HIS SMALL COUNTRY
COULD IN NO WAY INFLUENCE EVENTS THERE, AND, ACCORDINGLY,
HAD NOT PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SETTLEMENT OF TIMOR
SITUATION.

(C) KOREA - HE STRESSED THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA RECOGNIZES
BOTH KOREAS FULLY AND EQUALLY IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS
"UNIVERSALIST" FOREIGN POLICY. SIR MAORI CALLED FOR DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
OF "PRESENT UNEASY SITUATION." HE SAID PAPUA NEW GUINEA
WOULD WELCOME BOTH KOREAS IN UN AS "EQUAL SOVEREIGN STATES."

(D) SOUTHERN AFRICA - SIR MAORI SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS
UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSED TO ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH PRACTICED
APARTHEID OR OTHER RACIST POLICIES AND WOULD HAVE NO
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DEALINGS WITH SUCH GOVERNMENTS.

(E) ANGOLA AND VIETNAM - HE HOPED THESE COUNTRIES WOULD BE ADMITTED TO UN.

(F) NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN PACIFIC - SIR MAORI RE-EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE CALL FOR A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN PACIFIC.

(G) LOS - HE EXPRESSED GROWING ANXIETY OVER FAILURE SO FAR OF LOS CONFERENCE TO REACH A CONCLUSION. SIR MAORI SAID THAT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SMALL NATIONS SUCH AS PAPUA NEW GUINEA WOULD NEED TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS THROUGH REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE LAMENTED THIS, HOWEVER, AS A "SECOND PREFERENCE."

(H) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - NOTING PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S PRIMARY CROP ECONOMY, HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS NATION WAS FEELING AFFECTS OF WORLD RECESSION. HE COMMENDED UNCTAD'S SECRETARY GENGHERAL FOR HIS WORK TOWARD CHANGING THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND ENDORSED NAIROBI RESOLUTIONS ON MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED GOODS AND INTEGRATION OF COMMODITIES.
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